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1. THE ROK OBSERVER OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS
RELEASE ON AUGUST 6:

QUOTE

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TONG JIN PARK
PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE U.N.
ON APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

ON JULY 29, 1975 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT ITS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE UNITED NATIONS, ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED IN 1949, BE GIVEN
FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OCCASION.

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT OUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION IS
FULLY JUSTIFIED AND THAT IT SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED TO THE GEN-
ERAL ASSEMBLY. ARTICLE 4 OF THE U.N. CHARTER SETS FORTH THE
CONDITIONS FOR AN APPLICANT STATE TO QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP.
THESE WE HAVE FULLY SATISFIED, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ITS
RESOLUTION 296 G(IV) AND 1017 A(XI), HAS SUBSTANTIATED THIS
BEYOND ANY DOUBT. THE PRINCIPLE OF KOREA TO APPLY FOR AD-
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MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF ANY

OTHER STATE.

SINCE OUR ORIGINAL APPLICATION WAS VETOED BY ONE OF THE PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, NEARLY THREE DECADES HAVE ELAPSED, DURING WHICH THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAS WITNESSED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE. IN THIS CONNECTION, ONE CAN EASILY RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A STRONG WORLDWIDE SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF THE WIDEST POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND A CLEAR SHIFT TOWARDS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY.

AS A RESULT, THE UNITED NATIONS, A FEW YEARS AGO, ADMITTED BOTH PARTS OF A DIVIDED NATION. IT IS RECALLED THAT IN WELCOMING THE ENTRY OF THESE TWO NEW MEMBERS, THE SOVIET UNION WENT SO FAR AS TO DECLARE: "WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AN END HAS BEEN PUT TO THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF DISCRIMINATION WITH REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL STATES. IN THE HISTORY AND LONG-AWAITED ERA OF UNIVERSALITY."

IT IS ALSO RECALLED THAT ON THAT SAME OCCASION, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA DECLARED THAT IT WAS READY TO FURTHER DEVELOP ITS RELATIONS WITH THE DIVIDED COUNTRY, "ON THE BASIS OF THE FIVE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE."

IT IS CLEAR TO THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT GREAT EMPHASIS IS NOW BEING PLACED BY THE MAJOR POWERS ON THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND DETENTE, THE RESULT BEING AN ADVOCATION OF MUTUAL ACCOMODATION AND DE-ESCALATION OF COLD WAR CONFRONTATION. THE JUNE 23, 1973 FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT FOR PEACE AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION WAS ADVISED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN THE CONTEXT OF SUCH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. IT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE ADMISSION OF COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA INTO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT ANY TIME, AS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT PENDING UNIFICATION. WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE A VERY REASONABLE ATTITUDE WITH REGARD TO KOREAN REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

IN RECENT DAYS SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM HAVE APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THUS, ONCE AGAIN, THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE TO CONSIDER THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION REGARDING DIVIDED COUNTRIES. WE CONSIDER THIS AS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO BECOME A U.N. MEMBER. WE CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS BY SOUTH AND NORTH VIEW-64).5?!YB: T)FYHQD;62"3

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